

Watt
Waxman
Welch
Westmoreland
Whitfield

Wilson (OH)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Wolf
Woolsey

Wu
Yarmuth
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—81

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Barrett (SC)
Becerra
Blumenauer
Bonner
Boren
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Broun (GA)
Brown, Corrine
Buchanan
Capuano
Carney
Cassidy
Clarke
Conyers
Crenshaw
Davis (AL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (TN)
Deal (GA)
DeFazio
Doyle
Ellsworth
Gerlach
Gingrey (GA)
Gordon (TN)

Granger
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Hall (NY)
Hastings (WA)
Himes
Hinchey
Hoekstra
Holden
Johnson (IL)
Kanjorski
Kind
King (NY)
Lamborn
Linder
Lipinski
Lucas
Maloney
McCaull
McMorris
Rodgers
Meeks (NY)
Moran (VA)
Murphy, Patrick
Neal (MA)
Nunes
Pallone
Pascrell

Payne
Poe (TX)
Rangel
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Salazar
Sarbanes
Schock
Shimkus
Shuster
Sires
Smith (WA)
Souder
Spratt
Stark
Stupak
Taylor
Teague
Thompson (CA)
Tiahrt
Tiberi
Velázquez
Wamp
Waters
Weiner
Wexler

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining in this vote.

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 833, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 509, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. WALZ) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 509.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 352, nays 0, not voting 80, as follows:

[Roll No. 834]

YEAS—352

Aderholt
Adler (NJ)
Akin
Alexander
Altmire
Andrews
Arcuri
Austria
Baca
Bachmann
Bachus
Baird
Baldwin
Barrow

Bartlett
Barton (TX)
Bean
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggart
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Blackburn
Blunt
Boccheri

Boehner
Bono Mack
Boozman
Boswell
Boucher
Boustany
Boyd
Braley (IA)
Bright
Brown (SC)
Brown-Waite,
Ginny
Buchanan
Burgess

Burton (IN)
Butterfield
Buyer
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Cantor
Cao
Capito
Capps
Cardoza
Carnahan
Carson (IN)
Carter
Cassidy
Castle
Castor (FL)
Chaffetz
Chandler
Childers
Chu
Clay
Cleaver
Clyburn
Coble
Coffman (CO)
Cohen
Cole
Conaway
Connolly (VA)
Cooper
Costa
Costello
Courtney
Crowley
Cuellar
Culberson
Cummings
Dahlkemper
Davis (CA)
Davis (KY)
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dent
Diaz-Balart, L.
Diaz-Balart, M.
Dicks
Dingell
Doggett
Donnelly (IN)
Dreier
Driehaus
Duncan
Edwards (MD)
Edwards (TX)
Ehlers
Ellison
Ellsworth
Emerson
Engel
Eshoo
Etheridge
Fallin
Farr
Fattah
Filner
Fleming
Forbes
Fortenberry
Foster
Foxy
Frank (MA)
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Fudge
Gallegly
Garrett (NJ)
Gallely
McHenry
Giffords
Gohmert
Gonzalez
Goodlatte
Graves
Grayson
Green, Al
Green, Gene
Griffith
Guthrie
Hall (TX)
Halvorson
Hare
Harman
Harper
Heinrich
Heller
Hensarling
Herger
Herseth Sandlin
Higgins

Hill
Hinojosa
Hirono
Hodes
Holt
Honda
Hoyer
Hunter
Inglis
Inslee
Israel
Issa
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jenkins
Johnson (GA)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Jordan (OH)
Kagen
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilpatrick (MI)
Kilroy
King (IA)
Kingston
Kirk
Kirkpatrick (AZ)
Kissell
Klein (FL)
Kline (MN)
Kosmas
Kratovil
Kucinich
Lance
Langevin
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latham
LaTourette
Latta
Lee (CA)
Lee (NY)
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (GA)
LoBiondo
Loebbeck
Lofgren, Zoe
Lowey
Luetkemeyer
Lujan
Lummis
Lungren, Daniel
E.
Lynch
Mack
Maffei
Manzullo
Marchant
Markey (CO)
Markey (MA)
Marshall
Massa
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy (CA)
McCarthy (NY)
McClintock
McCollum
McCotter
McDermott
McGovern
McHenry
McIntyre
McKeon
McMahon
McNerney
Meek (FL)
Melancon
Mica
Michaud
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Miller (NC)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Minnick
Mitchell
Mollohan
Moore (KS)
Moore (WI)
Moran (KS)
Murphy (CT)
Murphy (NY)

Murphy, Tim
Murtha
Myrick
Nadler (NY)
Napolitano
Neugebauer
Nye
Oberstar
Obey
Olson
Olver
Ortiz
Pastor (AZ)
Paul
Paulsen
Pence
Perlmutter
Perriello
Peters
Peterson
Petri
Pingree (ME)
Pitts
Platts
Polis (CO)
Pomeroy
Posey
Price (GA)
Price (NC)
Putnam
Quigley
Rahall
Rangel
Rehberg
Reichert
Reyes
Richardson
Rodriguez
Roe (TN)
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rohrabacher
Rooney
Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Ross
Rothman (NJ)
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Ruppersberger
Ryan (WI)
Sanchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Scalise
Schakowsky
Schauer
Schiff
Schmidt
Schneider
Schwartz
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Sestak
Shadegg
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shuler
Simpson
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Snyder
Space
Speier
Stearns
Sullivan
Sutton
Tanner
Terry
Thompson (MS)
Thompson (PA)
Thornberry
Tierney
Titus
Tonko
Towns
Tsongas
Turner
Upton
Van Hollen
Visclosky
Walden

Walz
Wasserman
Schultz
Watson
Watt
Waxman

Welch
Westmoreland
Whitfield
Wilson (OH)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman

Wolf
Woolsey
Wu
Yarmuth
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NOT VOTING—80

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Barrett (SC)
Becerra
Bishop (UT)
Blumenauer
Bonner
Boren
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Broun (GA)
Brown, Corrine
Capuano
Carney
Clarke
Conyers
Crenshaw
Davis (AL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (TN)
Deal (GA)
DeFazio
Doyle
Flake
Gerlach
Gingrey (GA)
Gordon (TN)

Granger
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Hall (NY)
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Himes
Hinchey
Hoekstra
Holden
Johnson (IL)
Kind
King (NY)
Lamborn
Linder
Lipinski
Lucas
Maloney
McCaull
McMorris
Rodgers
Meeks (NY)
Moran (VA)
Murphy, Patrick
Neal (MA)
Nunes
Pallone

Pascrell
Payne
Poe (TX)
Radanovich
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Salazar
Sarbanes
Schock
Shimkus
Shuster
Sires
Smith (WA)
Souder
Spratt
Stark
Stupak
Taylor
Teague
Thompson (CA)
Tiahrt
Tiberi
Velázquez
Wamp
Waters
Weiner
Wexler

□ 1915

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, on November 2, 2009, I was unable to cast votes due to personal reasons. I was not present for rollcall votes 832 through 834. Had I been present, I would have cast a “yea” vote for final passage of H.R. 1168. I would have cast a “yea” vote for final passage of H. Res. 291. Also, I would have cast a “yea” vote for the final passage of S. 509.

CONGRATULATING NEVADA ON
THE 145TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS
STATEHOOD

(Ms. TITUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Nevada on the 145th anniversary of its statehood.

On October 31, 1864, President Abraham Lincoln admitted Nevada into the Union as the 36th State, which is an anniversary that is celebrated today throughout the State as Nevada Day.

Over the past 145 years, Nevadans have exemplified their State motto: “All for our country.” Their patriotism and sense of duty have made critical contributions to our Nation’s security in times of war and peace. During World War II and the Cold War, Basic Magnesium Mines and the Nevada Test Site played key roles in United States’ victories.

Today, Nevada is a premier destination for tourists, business travelers,

family vacationers, and outdoor enthusiasts throughout the United States and around the globe. They are attracted by Nevada's many unique features, including the fabulous Las Vegas Strip, the Hoover Dam and beautiful outdoor settings ranging from vibrant desert landscapes to grand ski slopes.

Nevada exemplifies the independence, opportunity and pioneering spirit of the West. So I join my fellow Nevadans in celebrating our 145th anniversary.

THE ATHALIE RANGE CULTURAL ARTS FOUNDATION

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to recognize the Athalie Range Cultural Arts Foundation and its upcoming annual Celebration of Life event honoring those who have made significant contributions to the African American community. This year, Miami-Dade County Commissioner Audrey Edmonson, WHQT General Manager Jerry Rushin, and retired Bacardi Heritage Foundation president Jose Bacardi will be honored.

The Athalie Range Cultural Arts Foundation helps to encourage the appreciation and the enrichment of arts, especially of African American arts, in south Florida. The foundation was named after one of south Florida's most dedicated and courageous residents.

Athalie Range was a pioneer in our community, first as a civil rights activist and later as a public official. As the PTA president of Liberty City Elementary, she became a champion for the students of Miami-Dade County. She informed the school board about the deplorable conditions of Liberty City schools, and she demanded better resources for those schools.

Athalie became the first African American to serve on the Miami City Commission, and she also became the first African American and the first woman to head the Florida Department of Community Affairs. Athalie Range lived a life of humility that underscored her deep commitment to civil rights, justice and opportunity for all.

I commend the Athalie Range Cultural Arts Foundation for continuing in Athalie's footsteps, for helping to support the arts and for enriching the lives of all of south Florida residents.

ENERGY

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, in January, President Obama took office while facing the worst economic crisis in generations.

Faced with that tremendous challenge, President Obama and the Democratic Congress responded with the

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, an aggressive plan to jump-start our economy and to create jobs.

As we look back on the Recovery Act's first 8 months, its success in averting catastrophe is clear. We are not out of the woods yet, and much more work remains to create good jobs and to lower unemployment; but there are positive signs that the recession is over and that the economic policies pursued by the Democrats are starting to work.

Just last week, the Obama administration made important announcements to invest \$3.4 billion into the smart energy grid and into the first round of awards under the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Energy, or the ARPA-E program. These announcements by the administration show that the Recovery Act is working, giving investors the confidence they need to leverage private funds to create new clean-energy jobs to put people back to work and to revolutionize the way we power our economy and drive American innovation.

PELOSI'S TAKEOVER IS BAD FOR JOBS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the Pelosi takeover bill is nearly 2,000 pages of regulations and tax hikes that will strangle small businesses across America. At the same time we celebrate the new jobs being created by Boeing in South Carolina, the Pelosi takeover will destroy jobs, and we must stop it.

Senior citizens are under attack by squeezing Medicare. The Pelosi takeover will impose \$135 billion in taxes on small businesses. In addition, this bill includes nearly \$500 billion in other taxes, including a surtax on small businesses. The Nation's largest small business association, the National Federation of Independent Business, NFIB, reports that this employer mandate will negatively impact small businesses, eliminating 1.6 million jobs.

I encourage Speaker PELOSI to scrap her health care takeover and to work across the aisle with Republicans to adopt elements of H.R. 3400 and to give small businesses the opportunity to pull together to receive competitive rates.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. COHEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, this weekend, when I went home, I went to the laundry.

A gentleman came up to me and said, You know, we've been friends for 40

years, and you're more liberal than I am—I'm a conservative—but let me tell you that I had a heart attack last month. Do you know what it cost? It cost \$100,000. He said, Y'all have got to pass something with this health care. It's just too expensive, and if I were in a different situation, I might lose my health care and might not be able to get it.

I had a Halloween party at a friend's house. I'm 60, and my friends are within the margin of error. They're about the same age. Several of them had had cancer, and they talked about how they couldn't get out of their health policies. The premiums were going up. The deductibles were going up, and it was costing them more and more; and they weren't authorizing certain treatments that they needed.

They said, You need to pass that health care bill. It's important.

I went to my local pharmacy, and a lady came up to me, and she told me about what the cost of prescription drugs was doing to her. I told her we were going to close the doughnut hole, that we were going to help her with her prescription drug prices.

We need to get this country's health care policy where it doesn't destroy the financial condition of people's lives. We need to allow them to move on.

THANKING THE AIRMEN OF BARKSDALE

(Mr. FLEMING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend, my district in northwest Louisiana was hit with severe storms and tornadoes which left neighborhoods tattered, families without homes, and thousands threatened by levees that were threatening to break.

On Friday night, Bossier Parish officials had exhausted all options to save this levee when many citizens and especially the airmen of Barksdale Air Force Base mobilized to protect this community. Colonel Steven Basham assembled 140 airmen; and through their efforts, the levees were saved that night.

Over the days that followed, over 400 airmen worked around the clock to protect the levees, the homes and the families that surrounded it. Enlisted, officers and even generals worked side by side in an effort to make sure that floodwaters did not destroy Bossier Parish.

I want to extend my sincere gratitude for their dedication and work during this natural disaster; and I want to say that the efforts of these airmen prove, once again, why the United States military is the greatest assemblage of outstanding men and women in the world.